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COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target set for the production of cotton in the years 1998,1999,2000 and 2001 was achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of cotton bales produced during the said years and the number out of them exported and utilized domestically, separately; and

(e) the amount of foreign exchange earned and the measures taken to get the best price for the farmers/exporters in international market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No Sir. The targets set for the production of cotton in lakh bales of 170 kg each and the corresponding achievements during 1998,1999,2000 and 2001 are as follows:

Year	Target	Production
1998-99	148.00	122.90
1999-2000	150.00	116.40
2000-2001	145.00	93.90+
2001-2002	145.00	123.00+

+ - Advance estimates

(c): Due to adverse agro climatic conditions during these years crop was damaged seriously by insect and pest attack.

(d): The information has been given below:

Year	Quantity exported (in lakh bales of 170 kg each)
1998-99	1.01
1999-2000	0.65
2000-2001	0.60
2001-2002	No details available as the season has just started.

(e): The information in respect of foreign exchange earned is given below:

Year	Value
	(Rs. in crore)
1998-99	86.72
1999-2000	50.09
2000-2001	47.73
2001-2002	No details available as the season has just started.

Export of Cotton is covered under Open General License.However, to safeguard the interests of the cotton growers, the Government also announces Minimum Support Price for cotton each year and guarantees its procurement, ifthe price fall below the Minimum Support Price, through the Cotton Corporationof India in all States except Maharashtra.In Maharashtra, the State Governmentitself procures cotton under its Monopoly Procurement Scheme.